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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1928

Statistical information gathered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicates that from 1915 to 1925 the number of co-operative associations in the United States practically doubled, that the membership increased more than 300 per cent, and the business about 275 per cent.

A Farm Lease.

The following are important questions concerning any farm lease: (1) Is it in writing? (2) Do you understand it before you sign? (3) Is it written so that the meaning will be clear at any later time? (4) Is it fair to you —and to the other party? (5) does it give the tenant a reasonable opportunity to make a living and get ahead? (6) Does it require proper and conservative care of the leased premises? (7) If there are reservations are they in writing? (8) Does the lease state what each party is to do and to contribute? (9) Does it define clearly the rights and privileges of each party? (10) Does it provide for a settlement of opinions? (11) Does it provide for procedure when tenancy is to be ended? (12) Does it contain the following essentials of a legally complete lease? (a) the date; (b) signatures of both parties; (c) definition of the term; (d) description of the property; and (e) an agreement as to the amount of rent to be paid; the time when and the place where it is to be paid. A good lease should permit an affirmative answer to each of these questions.

Pensioning the Old Preachers

The Protestant churches of America within recent years have come to recognize in part at least their debt of obligation to their worn out ministers, and are raising funds that are invested in good securities, using the interest only on these funds for the purpose of providing their old preachers with the necessities of life when they are no longer able to work.

The necessity for this is apparent from the fact that it is practically impossible for a minister of any church to save enough out of his salary to even provide himself and his family with a home, to say nothing of an income for old age. Except in a few instances the salaries of ministers are never more than enough to provide a bare living. The demands upon a minister for all sorts of charitable and religious causes are so numerous and imperative, and most ministers are so large-hearted and so generous, that they cannot save anything at all for old age and a rainy day. They usually come to the day of superannuation without a home or a dollar.

The Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) has raised a fund of twenty eight million dollars for this purpose; the Protestant Episcopal Church twenty one million; the Northern Methodist Church nineteen million; the Northern Baptist Church six. Four years ago to raise ten million dollars in five years for this cause, but has raised only about one third of that amount in these four years, instead of four fifths as it set out to do.

In view of this situation the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Memphis, authorized the Board of Finance that has the matter in charge, to put forth during March, April and May of this year, a special effort to bring up this large deficiency, and if possible to raise the entire ten million dollars within the next ten years. With this purpose in view every pastor in Southern Methodism is being urged to bring this matter to the attention of his people, and every congregation in the church will be asked to subscribe to this most worthy cause.

The Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church subscribed $567,000.00 to this cause, but has paid to date a little over $200,000.00, which is about one half of what is due at this time. This is the oldest, largest and strongest Conference in the Church, and is, as it should be, a leader in all good works in the denomination. It always stands at the top, and will do so in this instance. The whole church is looking to Virginia Methodists to fulfil their promises to their old preachers, and they must not be disappointed.

Our Next Fair

Fair association directors held a meeting Friday evening and made arrangements for another fair this year. The resolution offered by the ministerial union of the county to the annual stockholders meeting recently held and approved, and passed on to the board of directors was taken up and discussed. There were a number who approved and some who opposed the board taking any action on securing the railway, but after a warm discussion, the motion was put and carried by a large majority to appoint a committee of five to consider all matters pertaining to the fair. The following committee was appointed at the meeting: W. [illegible] th, C. S. McDaniel, J. P. Caldwell and S. L. Ferguson.

The resolution adopted was as follows: "That only competitive games or games of skill hereafter be permitted on the fair grounds, secondly that there be having the selecting of midway attractions be hereby and are instructed to carefully inspect every feature and rigidly observe the above rule in making contracts in the future; thirdly, that a committee of stockholders be appointed annually whose duty it shall be to carefully inspect each feature of the midway and promptly close up every feature violating the above rules, before the gates are open to the public, or at any time during the fair.

1928 Graduating Class

Edward Ramsey entertained his class at his home here Friday evening. The class consists of 35 members and each invited a friend. The members of the graduating class are: Misses Lucy LeGrand, Lucille Bates, Evelyn Cullop, Hallie Burnette, Frances Ford, Mary Jamerson, Eva Phelps, Rachel Dickerson, Virginia Chilton, Louise and Eva Marks, Lucile Scruggs, Julian Grow, John Harvey, Edward Ramsey, William Ford, Guthrie Doss, Lula Smith, Landis Laughan, Floyd Dinkins, Florence Marks, Florence Gilbert, Onermercer Wright, Dorothy Wood son, Lillian Ferguson, Susie Moon, Christian Martin, John Alvis, [illegible] Rebecca Hawvermale, [illegible] Babcock, Samanda [illegible] Ferguson, Kathrine [illegible] Mar- shall S[illegible].

EXPLOSIVES IN VAN OF HUMAN PROGRESS

Man's Most Powerful Slave Used in Many Ways.

Washington.—"Booming detonations that a century ago could have meant only the thunders of war, are heard almost every day now by the inhabitants of any sizable city. They are the sounds of man's most powerful slaves, explosives," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society, "carrying on their daily labors of peace for civilization; tearing loose materials for lime and cement, digging out stone for structures and roads, piercing hills, excavating that dams, railways and factories may grow. The pioneer slowly and laboriously slashed his way through nature's superficial barriers with his ax; with much less effort the modern engineer blasts his way through mountains, tumbles hills into valleys and recasts the face of the earth to his liking and his need.

An Age of Explosives.

"Civilization has had its ages of stone and bronze and steel; of wind and water and steam power. It requires taking no great liberties with terms to call this an age of explosives. Man blasts out the route for a highway; makes it smooth with stone and cement blown out elsewhere; and all that it may be traversed by millions of vehicles propelled by explosions of gases. Overhead airplanes whir, driven by explosive engines. Man has conquered the air only since the harnessing of explosions for power, and has never made a practical flying machine driven by any other form of energy. By the roadside farmers plow their fields with tractors driven by similar engines, and blast bowlders and stumps from their fields with charges of high explosives. In cities, our water supplies come through aqueducts and tunnels that explosives have helped to build. Diesel engines driven by exploding petroleum are replacing steam engines in factories and ships; and some light and power plants are operated by these highly concentrated and economical mechanisms. Even steam plants and railways are dependent on explosives, for the coal which drives them is torn by powder and dynamite from the bowels of the earth.

"Never since man developed his first crude rock-wooden clubs, stone hammers, and the rest—has he come upon a device or a substance comparable in force to explosives. They give him the powers of a demigod. With them he can come closer to imitating nature's forces than in any other way.

"Explosives depend for their great power on the fact that while occupying a relatively small space an instant before explosion, their gases occupy a tremendously greater space the instant after. Gunpowder, the first and the 'mildest' of the well-known explosives, exerts, when it explodes in a confined space, 6,000 times the pressure of the atmosphere or nearly 50 tons per square inch. The high explosives, dynamite, gun-cotton, nitroglycerin, and TNT, exert several times the force of powder; and mercury fulminate, the most violent of all, produces a pressure of 200 tons per square inch. The latter finds its chief use in very small quantities in the form of caps used to detonate less violent explosives.

Most Sensitive Explosive.

"All explosives are dangerous and must be handled with caution; but there are definite degrees of danger-ousness. Gunpowder and dynamite will not explode unless subjected to a more or less violent jolt. Nitroglycerin and TNT are detonated much more easily. The most sensitive of all explosives is nitrogen-iodide. This substance is so unstable that it is said that the tap of a feather will set it off.

"Even in peace time the United States manufactures large quantities of explosives. In 1925 the total, not considering explosives for ammunition, was more than half a billion pounds. Of this, approximately two-thirds was made up of high explosives and one-third of black powder. A quarter of the high explosives and 98 per cent of the black powder was used in coal mining. Nearly half of all the high explosives were used in metal mining and quarrying, and the remaining quarter was divided about equally between construction work and miscellaneous uses.

"Many absorbingly interesting services to man are hidden behind the miscellaneous classification. Explosives are used among other ways in channel deepening, to produce 'echo waves,' the scientific 'drilling rods' of the oil prospector, to aid in draining swamps, to blow up levees for emergency flood protection, to fight forest fires, to destroy the bodies of dead animals, to 'shoot' oil wells, to send up signal rockets and fireworks, to cast life lines to ships in distress, to break up ice jams, log jams, and icebergs, and to prepare holes for the planting of trees.

"Man's discovery of explosives is not definitely known. Records do not bear out the widely held opinion that the Chinese invented gunpowder. Pyrotechnic substances such as Greek fire or 'wild fire' were used in the early and middle centuries of the Christian era to frighten enemies or to set fire to their ships. But one of the first definite recipes for gunpowder appears in the writings of Roger Bacon in the Thirteenth century. The first recorded use to propel missiles from cannons was in Florence in 1326.

Will of C. W. Hancock

The will of the late C. W. Hancock has been admitted to record with H. M. Sackett as executor. $500 is to be invested and the income therefrom is to keep up the walk and square in Liberty cemetery here.

$1000 is devised to Liberty Baptist Church trustees for use of church.

$[illegible].00 is devised to testator's daughter, Mrs. Lilly Gregory.

$10[illegible].00 to testator's daughter, Mrs. Naomi Hancock, in trust for life.

$1,000 00 to testator's brother, T. H. Hancock.

The residue of the estate is to be devided equally between the four children, C. A., E. H., and Gregory and Miss Naomi Hancock.

The estate is estimated to be worth $150,000.00.

Good Show

The Appomattox chapter of U. D. C. will present "Rosetime" a three act musical comedy tri-umph on Monday evening, March 5th, at eight o'clock at the Appomattox High School Auditorium. This delightful musical show promises to be without doubt the most attractive feature that the season offers and to miss it loses you an evening of the highest type of entertainment and also a chance to help a worthy cause.

Rehearsals are already well under way and Miss Maria Doss who is staging the production under the supervision of Prof. Wayne P. Sewell Lyceum & Producing Co., seems pleased with results. The chorus girls and boys meet every afternoon and are being taught intricate, snappy steps. This chorus is composed of high school boys and girls. The cast meets each evening and the best talent of the community is found here. Among whom are Misses Clemmie Patterson, Lawson, Evans, VanValkenburgh, Mrs. Ould, Messrs. Burke, Hancock, Mc Dearmon, Goin, Wilkins.

"Rosetime" when presented in Pamplin last fall was a decided success and with the loyal support of each citizen it can be even more so here. Remember the date, Monday, March 5th.

Uncle Eben

"Ev'y lodge by appearances" said Uncle Eben. "A mighty slick lookin' liver may have a fool inside."—Washington Star.

Rainbow During Darkness

A rainbow at night is an unusual phenomenon, but not what should be called a rare phenomenon. It only requires a shower with bright moonlight on it when the moon is not too high in the heavens.

Jud Tunkins

Jud Tunkins says there's no profit in a grudge. People have to forgive and forget if they want to stay in business.—Washington Star.

HAUNTED BY GHOSTS OF MEN THEY SHOT

Faces Seen on Windows at County Courthouse.

Birmingham, Ala.—Seemingly from the world of spirits an unseen hand has impressed the pictures of two faces upon panes of glass in windows at the Pickens county courthouse at Carrollton, Ala.

Such men as Probate Judge R. G. Robinson, Sheriff Lester May, Rev. W. A. McCain, pastor of the Baptist church, and other well-known citizens of Carrollton, vouch for these pictures. They have been viewed by several hundred citizens of Pickens county. One face, they say, has been visible on one of the windows ever since the courthouse was built in 1876. Recently a second picture appeared on a new pane of glass inserted in an attic window by J. E. Oglesby, carpenter, to replace a pane broken by a storm.

The old face is said to resemble Sam Burtsfitter, a negro, who was killed many years ago while trying to evade arrest for burning the old Pickens county courthouse. This face is full of troubles and crossed with pain.

The new face resembles that of Lee Summerville, a negro who killed Deputy Sheriff Burt Johnson in November, 1926. He was shot to death recently by a Sumter county deputy sheriff at York, Ala. "The face may be seen a distance of two blocks."

Neither picture indicates whether the faces are white or black. They are purely studies of expression.

Soon after the second face appeared, the glass was removed from the window, washed with acid and replaced. At a close view of the two panes of glass nothing can be seen.

"These pictures are not an hallucination," said Judge Robinson. "Any one who cares to do so may see them any time. Just as many hundreds of people have seen them in the past." He says the images move from place to place on the glass when the sky is cloudy.

Largest Optical Glass Ever Cast Is Flawless

Washington.—An event of great interest to the scientific world occurred here when the largest piece of optical glass ever cast in the United States was uncovered at the bureau of standards and found to be flawless. The great disk, 70 inches in diameter, 11 inches thick and weighing 3,500 pounds was cast in May, 1927, and has been cooling for nine months.

The glass is destined for the Perkins observatory at Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, Ohio, for use as a concave mirror in a new reflecting telescope. An entirely new process, devised by A. N. Finn, a scientist, was used. Four unsuccessful attempts to cast the piece were previously made.

A thousand pounds of special brick-ore glass, 4,000 pounds of sand and chemicals were poured into a stirring pot in a gas-fired furnace at the bureau on May 7. The molten mass was stirred by hand for six hours and run into a special electrically controlled mold at a temperature of 2,400 degrees Fahrenheit. Throughout cooling the temperature has been gradually lowered, over periods as slowly as 4½ degrees per day.

Dogs Leading Blind Make Rules at Berlin

Berlin.—Regents by the lead dogs for the blind are contained in a pamphlet published by the association of Berlin's blind:

"Do not put us.

"Do not try to lure us away from our masters.

"Do not feed us. Our master supplies us with sufficient food and delicacies.

"If you want to help our master, do it on the other side, not on the side on which we are expecting him.

"Facilitate our crossing a street during the hours of busy traffic by calling to us the moment the street is clear.

"Keep a watch on your own and other dogs lest they annoy us.

"Don't molest us by your inquisitiveness.

"If you have a complaint to make about us do it with the organization of which our master is a member; the local association of the blind."

Plowing for 110 Hours Called World Record

Tamarac, Minn.—Harold Anderson of Tamarac claims the record for continuous plowing. He remained at the throttle of his tractor for 110 hours without sleep and left the machine only long enough to eat and fill he fuel tanks of the machine.

The youth left his home with the tractor and two bottom plows at seven o'clock on a Monday morning and plowed continuously until nine o'clock the following Friday night. Farmers in the neighborhood timed the operations.

In the 110 hours he plowed 60 acres with the tractor running at slightly under normal operating speed and covering a distance of about 240 miles. Anderson lost eight pounds during the five days.

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ASK SCIENTISTS TO FIX STATE BOUNDARY

Maryland and Virginia Seek True Line of Potomac.

Washington.—Instead of following the usual course of employing lawyers, Maryland and Virginia have called in scientists to end their 200-year-old boundary dispute.

The boundary is described by law as the southern bank of the Potomac river from Harper's Ferry to its mouth at Smith's Point "without following indentations, bays, creeks, inlets or affluent rivers." At such points it follows a straight line, from low-water mark at the other.

That description was accepted in 1877, when the last of a series of compacts, the first of which was drawn up in 1668, was ratified by the state legislatures and congress. Its legality is not in dispute. The question is, What does it mean?

Resulted in Controversy.

Inability to produce a satisfactory answer has resulted on some violence and much controversy for the last 50 years. Jurisdiction over rich oyster beds and fine hunting grounds is involved.

Some months ago the problem reached a crisis. Interpretation of the legal description of the boundary was the problem set before the official geologists of the two states, Dr. Edward B. Mathews of Johns Hopkins university and Prof. Wilbur A. Nelson of the University of Georgia. They are now putting the finishing touches on their work, with the expectation of providing a scientifically exact definition which will leave no ground for further controversy.

To reach their conclusions they have had to determine by personal inspection the true course of the Potomac and the exact location of headlands, and to find out who drafted the 1877 compact by each loosely used words as "bay," which ordinarily means a body of water indenting on the ocean.

Must Go Back to 1877.

At some points, where headlands and other parts of the bank have been built out with sediment or washed back since 1877, they have had to determine just where the low water mark was 50 years ago by investigating the ground and comparing old and new coast and geodetic survey maps.

Legally, of course, no land or water is being taken from either state, but acceptance of the scientific interpretation of the boundary will bring several changes in the commonly circulated maps which will be in the nature of corrections. All, however, will be of slight extent, the geologists assert.

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